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1. IN AUGUST 10 MEETING WITH MFA AMERICAN AFFAIRS OFFICE DIRECTOR TING YUAN-HUNG, USLO PASSED COMBINED LIST OF 127 NAMES CONTAINED IN REFS A AND B AND FLIGHT SCHEDULE REF C. WE EXPLAINED THAT WE WOULD SEND MFA IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT FROM DEPARTMENT: 1) MISSING PASSPORT DATA FOR THREE ON THE LIST, 2) NAMES, FUNCTIONS AND PASSPORT DATA FOR THREE AS YET UNKNOWN MEMBERS OF THE PARTY, 3) COMMUNICATIONS INFORMATION, PRECISE NAVIGATIONAL DATA ON ROUTE FROM TOKYO TO SHANGHAI, AND CREW LIST MANIFESTS INCLUDING NAMES AND PASSPORT NUMBERS FOR THE CHARTER FLIGHTS. WE POINTED OUT ADDITION OF SCHONBERG AND WCAU-TV CREW, EXPLAINING THAT SCHONBERG WOULD ENSURE NATIONWIDE COVERAGE OF EVENT, AND DESCRIBING LIMITS OF TV CREWS' ACTIVITIES (REF B). WE ASKED THAT ALL VISAS FOR ORCHESTRA PARTY BE ISSUED BY PRCLO IN WASHINGTON, AND EXPLAINED THAT VACATION PLANS BY SOME MEMBERS OF THE ORCHESTRA WOULD MEAN THAT SOME VISAS WOULD HAVE TO BE ISSUED LATE.

2. STRESSING MR. ORMANDY'S DESIRE FOR SPEEDY CONFIRMATION OF PROGRAMS, TRAVEL AND PERFORMANCE SCHEDULES, WE ALSO REITERATED THE MANAGEMENT'S REQUEST FOR 2 SUITES, 30 DOUBLES

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AND 66 SINGLES, AND EXPLAINED WHY. WE PASSED MFA HARRIS SCORE,

ORMANDY PHOTO, AND SAMPLE BAGGAGE INVENTORY. FINALLY,
WE TOLD TING OF OUR DESIRE TO ADD A USLO ESCORT OFFICER TO
THE VISIT, WHO WOULD COOPERATE VERY CLOSELY ON ALL PLANNING.

3. TING EXPRESSED THANKS FOR THE INFORMATION AND MATERIALS,
AND SAID THAT HE WOULD PASS THEM TO THE OFFICES CONCERNED.
HE WAID HE HAD NOTHING NEW TO TELL US AT THIS POINT. HE
UNDERSTOOD FULLY THE ORCHESTRA'S DESIRE FOR SPEEDY CONFIRMATION
OF PROGRAMS AND SCHEDULES. HE WOULD GET REPLIES AS QUICKLY
AS HE COULD AND NOTIFY US IMMEDIATELY.
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